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September 29th, 1926.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:-

I am enclosing photographs of the Chinese vase, showing the three Greek heads. We shall be very grateful indeed if, after your investigation, you will let us have any light which you may get on the subject. Dr. Robinson and I are including it in the catalogue which we are preparing to publish on Greek Vases in the Royal Ontario Museum.

Please accept my hearty congratulations and best wishes for your happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

Cornelia J. Harcum

November 26, 1926

Miss Cornelia G. Harcum,
Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities,
The Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology

Dear Miss Harcum:

At the last meeting of our Archaeological Club, I showed the photographs of the Chinese vase bearing Athena heads. A great deal of interest was manifested, and I should like to ask one or two further questions.

Did you not tell me that there was no record of just where it had come from in China beyond that it was found in a tomb?

Does the glaze cover the incisions perfectly, as well as the mouth of the vessel?

Is there any approximate dating for similar vases? Do you assign any ddate for this one?

There was something of an inclination to be sceptical as to the genuineness of the jar, but this is largely due to the difficulty of reconciling the decoration with the fabric. Mr. Newell said that he believed he had seen a photograph or reproduction of the vessel within the past four years, but could not give the reference. Do you know of its having been published?

As soon as I get your reply, or, possibly, after I have again brought the matter before our Club, I will write you more fully.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

February 5, 1927

Miss Cornelia Harcum,
Royal Ontario Museum of Archaelogy,
Toronto, 5, Canada

Dear Miss Harcum:

Your letter of January 31st contains just the information I desire. I have had scarcely time to more than skim it through, as I have just returned after an absence due to illness. Should anything develop that would be of importance for your publishing of this vase, I shall gladly communicate it to you.

Thank you very much for all the trouble to which you have gone in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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